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## Black History Month

# John Henry Jones Fills Many Roles Here as Longtime Resident

by James Giese

A 90-year-old Greenbelter asked John Henry Jones for a ride to the grocery store and back. “How do you know I’ll give you a ride?” he asked. “Because I know you care,” she replied.

That’s the way Jones feels Greenbelters are, caring and willing to help their neighbor. “Among the people I contact or who contact me, I feel a sense of support, awareness and help,” he says. And in the almost 40 years he has lived in Greenbelt, John Henry has come to know a lot of Greenbelters. Gregarious and outgoing, Jones has been involved in numerous activities within the community. By doing so, he has become one of its best-known residents.

### Origins

Jones grew up in Western Pennsylvania in the little town of Houston. His father was a coal miner and a veteran of the Spanish-American War, serving in the Philippines. The latter

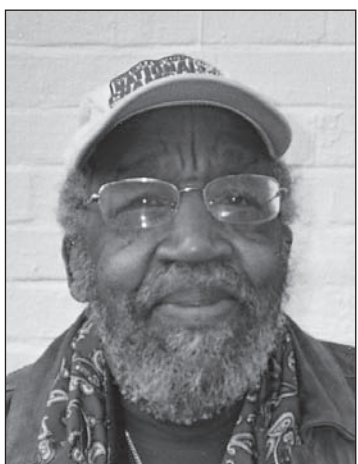


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John Henry Jones

was a great sportsman, hunter and fisherman. He also was a figure caller for square dancing, the knowledge of which helped John Henry later in life.

John Henry knew little about his grandparents.

Although Houston was a mixed community, the nearest African American family to his

own lived two miles or so away. Since Houston was too small to have a high school, Jones attended and graduated in 1947 from nearby Canonsburg High School. After that, he went to work in a steel mill.

Jones’ life began to change, he says, when Uncle Sam invited him to join the Army as a draftee in 1950. He was stationed in a Military Police unit at Camp McCoy in north-central Wisconsin. The camp was cold and run down, he remembers. He guarded prisoners at a stockade. He also had his first experience with hospitals. He had to pull duty in a mental hospital.

### St. Elizabeth’s

Jones returned to Houston and the steel mill but four years later, after going through a divorce, he came to Washington for a vacation and to look for a better job. A woman he met suggested that he apply at St.

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## 75th Anniversary Logo Selected, Help Needed

Former Greenbelter and now Arizona resident Judy McCord submitted the winning logo in the contest held by the Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Committee, it was announced at the committee’s February 14 meeting. Her mother, Ann McCord, is a Greenbelt resident. The logo accompanying this article will be used in many ways throughout the year-long 2012 celebration of Greenbelt’s founding



in 1937. It will be found on T-shirts, hats, stationery and many other items. After reviewing all the logo submissions, the committee said “they were all beautiful and of the highest quality.” The logo emphasizes the Greenbelt characteristics of community, culture and cooperation.

New 75th Anniversary Committee members are sought as well as people willing to provide occasional volunteer help. Committee meetings are held monthly in the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Working subcommittees have been formed and include Advertising and Public Relations, Museum Activities, Fundraising and Sponsorship, Finance, Art and Exhibition, Events Planning and Coordination, a Symposium on “Sustaining Greenbelt’s Legacy,” a Gala Dinner Dance and Product Merchandise. Preliminary planning has been done for large events such as the Symposium to be held in late April, the House and Garden Tour and a Dinner Dance. Planning for many other events in all sectors of Greenbelt is also underway.

To volunteer or for more information call Megan Searing Young, staff liaison to the 75th Anniversary Committee at 301-507-6582, by email at [museum@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:museum@greenbeltmd.gov) or Committee Chair Dave Mills at 301-504-1200 or email [greenbelt75@gmail.com](mailto:greenbelt75@gmail.com).

# Council Considers License Fees Ahead of 2012 Budget Season

by Thomas X. White

In another pre-budget meeting the Greenbelt City Council met in a worksession on Monday, February 7 to consider city staff reports on whether the schedule of license fees for inspections of apartment rental units and commercial and retail establishments are sufficient to cover the personnel and administrative costs for those inspections. Also included in the discussion were rental single family homes. All councilmembers, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze were present.

The issue had been raised in earlier worksessions before council adopted the current budget for Fiscal Year 2011. Councilmembers questioned at that time whether the fees charged paid the full cost of inspection programs conducted by the city’s Planning and Community Development Department and, additionally, whether a rewards type of program should be considered for commercial and rental units with a superior record for meeting city code requirements (see News Review May 13, 2010).

### Staff Analyses

Although council at that time made no changes to the inspection program, the city’s commu-

nity development staff undertook an analysis of relevant programs to provide information for council consideration in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget cycle. McLaughlin will submit his proposed FY12 budget to council at the end of March.

At this worksession, council considered a July 21, 2010, analysis on the topic prepared by Craze, an update of that analysis dated February 4, 2011, and a separate report dated November 5, 2010, that provided a year-long (November 2009 – November 2010) analysis detailing the actual number of resident complaints for each of Greenbelt’s rental apartment developments.

The July analysis essentially determined the per-unit cost borne by the city for each particular category inspected. Based on that analysis, staff concluded that inspection fees for commercial units should be adjusted upward over a two-year period and that a rebate or reward program was not warranted at this time.

The more recent February 4 memorandum from Craze provided additional refined comparisons between the average cost per inspected unit and the current license fee to support the program:

For the apartment rental units the licensing fee is \$100, while

the average cost to inspect an apartment unit is \$109. For commercial space the licensing fee is \$25, while the estimated cost for inspecting the unit is \$57. (The range of available licensed commercial spaces in Greenbelt is from about 1,000 square feet to up to 800,000 square feet.) For the owner rental category, the licensing fee is \$150 and the estimated cost for inspections is \$106.

### Fee Comparisons

In addition, the memo included an up-to-date comparison of license fees charged by Greenbelt versus fees charged by other municipal governments. In the comparison, most other local governments had comparable or slightly higher fees for rental apartment licensing and mainly higher fees for the single family owner rental category. Few other local governments licensed commercial space.

In addition, the comparison sheet pointed out that several nearby local governments (New Carrollton, College Park and Bowie) had specified charges for late payments and fees for second or third inspections when warranted. They also had administration fees.

See **LICENSE FEES**, page 9

# State School Official Lauds Roosevelt AP Program

by Virginia Beauchamp

According to the College Board, for three years in a row Maryland high school seniors have led the nation in Advanced Placement (AP) program examinations for college course credit. And among Maryland schools, Greenbelt’s Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) tops the list in high-achieving African American students.

At another nearby school – Paint Branch High School – African American students have also been recognized for special achievements in world history. They are matched for achievements in a single academic area by African American students at individual schools in Texas and Illinois and at two schools in Georgia.

But the ERHS students are

different. As set forth in a chart in a College Board publication dated February 9, 2011, “The AP Report to the Nation,” ERHS students excelled in four different academic areas – biology, chemistry, English language and composition and English literature and composition.

So pleased was Nancy S. Grasmick, state superintendent of schools, with this achievement, that she and several other school officials and AP officers visited ERHS on Friday, February 9 to meet with and congratulate the students.

Although programmed to begin at 10:15 a.m., the formal gathering did not come together until more than half an hour later.

See **ERHS**, page 9

## What Goes On

### Saturday, February 19

**10 a.m.**, Council Worksession re: Visionary Goals and Objectives Update, Municipal Building

**Monday, February 21** – City and GHI Offices Closed in Observation of Presidents Day

### Tuesday, February 22

**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Community Center

### Wednesday, February 23

**7:30 p.m.**, Four Cities Meeting, College Park

### Thursday, February 24

**7:30 p.m.**, GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room



Letters

THANKS!

Monday as I was crossing the road and tried to step up on the curb on the opposite side, a gust of heavy wind caught me and I landed flat on my back and hatless on the road.

Nothing seemed to hurt but as I was trying to decide how to get up, a man who had seen the accident parked his car and came to assist me.

He helped me up, made sure I was not hurt and then drove off. In all the confusion, I forgot to ask his name. I want to make sure he knows how very thankful I am. It is people like him who make Greenbelt the great place it is.

Barbara Likowski

Nominations Open For Aging Awards

Nominees are now being sought for the Governor’s Leadership in Aging Awards in four categories. The public is invited to nominate individuals, groups or organizations by no later than April 8; a panel of judges will review the nominations to select a winner in each category. The awards will be presented by the Governor and Maryland Secretary of Aging at a special ceremony in Catonsville May 10, during Older Americans Month.

Categories

Trailblazer – an individual, community group, business or organization that has demonstrated leadership in advocacy or developed an innovative program, research or training for seniors.

Visual or Performing Arts – an individual 60 years or older or a group (members must be 55 years or older) that has demonstrated excellence in the visual or performing arts.

Health and Vitality – an individual 60 years or older who has demonstrated commitment to healthy living and serves as a role model for others.

Photography – an individual 60 years or older who demonstrates excellence in photography or photojournalism that portrays “Successful Aging.”

For more information or to obtain a nomination form call the Maryland Department of Aging at 410-767-1100 or 800-243-3425 or visit [www.mdoa.state.md.us](http://www.mdoa.state.md.us).

Greenbelt Baseball

2011 Registration Dates

(Bring a copy of Child’s Birth Certificate & Photo ID)

Saturdays: Feb. 19, 26

Registration will be held at the following locations and times:  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Greenbelt Youth Center  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Spring Hill Lake Youth Center

DRAFT DAY

Saturday, March 5, 2011

10:00 AM, First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field)  
(Bad Weather location Eleanor Roosevelt High School Gym)

\*Major League Players Only\*

(Registration will also be available before the draft)

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Reel & Meal at the New Deal “What’s the Economy For?”

The next film in the monthly Reel and Meal at the New Deal series is “What’s the Economy for, Anyway?” to be shown on Monday, February 21 at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café. The February program, organized by the Peace & Justice Coalition, is sponsored by several local grassroots groups. The Reel & Meal aims to raise public awareness about various inter-related social and environmental concerns and inspire action in response to those concerns.

This 2010 Bullfrog Film is narrated by ecological economist Dave Batker who offers a humorous, edgy, factual and highly visual analysis of today’s American economy. Challenging ways economic success is measured, the film suggests alternatives to Gross Domestic Product as an adequate measure of society’s well being and is an engaging funny treatment of a serious, complicated subject. The discussion that follows is led by Dr. Brian Czech, president of CASSE, the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy, a group engaged in both academic study and citizen action.

The 40-minute documentary, produced by John de Graaf (Affluenza) compares the U.S. economy with that of other industrial countries in terms of quality of life, fairness and ecological sustainability and concludes the U.S. is near the bottom in nearly every category.

Batker offers a humorous light on economic buzzwords like productivity and consumer sovereignty, while suggesting ideas for a new economic paradigm to meet the needs of people and the planet.

The discussion afterward will cover what people can do to help put the economy on a new and improved track. Czech will outline the work of CASSE and facilitate the question and answer period about issues raised in the film and alternatives. Czech is the founder and president of CASSE, a visiting professor at Virginia Tech and a conservation biologist in the national office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona, an M.S. from the University of Washington and a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin. His scientific articles have appeared in dozens of peer-reviewed journals, reflecting his work in ecological and economic sustainability. His books include Shoveling Fuel for a Runaway Train, which calls for an end to uneconomic growth and The Endangered Species Act: History, Conservation Biology and Public Policy.

More information about the film is available at [www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/wefa.html](http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/wefa.html).

For more information email Lucy Duff at [justpeacepg@earthlink.net](mailto:justpeacepg@earthlink.net) or call 301-577-2350.

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

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Grin Belt

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On Screen

The Frontier Returns to Greenbelt

On Friday, February 18 the Old Greenbelt Theatre brings us the Coen brothers’ (Ethan and Joel) good-humored, subtle remake of the 1969 version of True Grit with Jeff Bridges as the boozy marshal Rooster Cogburn and newcomer Hailee Steinfeld as Mattie Ross, the 14-year-old righteous, determined daughter who hires Cogburn to track down her father’s murderer, Tom Chaney (Josh Brolin).

This odd couple is joined by smug, preening Texas Ranger La Boeuf (Matt Damon); together they exact justice – or is it revenge? – frontier style.

Running time 110 minutes. Rating PG-13. Director(s) Ethan Coen, Joel Coen; writers Joel Coen, Ethan Coen and Charles Portis.

– Jim Link

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# Obituaries

## Hay Khun Lee, Sr.

Hay Kuhn “H.K.” Lee, Sr., a popular member of the Greenbelt Aquatics and Fitness Center for more than two decades, died February 1, 2011, at the age of 89 of kidney failure. An enthusiastic swimmer at the indoor pool since he joined in 1990, Lee was fondly regarded as its social director and he considered members of “the spa” his extended family.

He was born to Mong Har Lee and Gum Tuey Lim in Washington, D.C., November 10, 1921, and spent several years of his childhood in a farming village in Hoisin, China. It was there that he started swimming in the village pond. “Once you learn how to breathe it’s very easy. I used to go for long distances,” Lee had reminisced. Lee lived in Harrisburg, Pa., and Buffalo, N.Y. By his early 20s he returned to the D.C. metro area where he lived the remainder of his life. For 34 years he worked in government service, including 20 years as an employee of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, before retiring in the 1980s.

Lee served in World War II as an Army chauffeur at Fort Myer, Va., where he met his future wife, Loffie “Lu” Lee, at a U.S.O. dance. They married after a few months of courtship and remained married for more than 50 years. After the war, the couple became active members of the Chinese Community Church in D.C.

An expert in HVAC systems, Lee worked for the Naval Ordnance Lab and later went to Goddard Space Flight Center, where he earned a 1978 letter from Jimmy Carter for his “contribution to the improvement of government operations” for implementing energy-saving and safety initiatives at Goddard’s power plant. He retired from Goddard as chief engineer of the plant in 1980 and was a consultant post-retirement. His wife Lu had also worked in federal government at the Library of Congress, was a social secretary for Merriweather Post and later became a real estate broker.

Lee is survived by his two children: Hay K. Lee, Jr. and May-Lily Lee. His son, “H. K., Jr.,” former Greenbelt resident and retired Virginia developmental disabilities services administrator, resides with his wife Debbie in Virginia Beach. His daughter, May-Lily Lee, lives in Richmond and is an Emmy-winning Host/Senior Producer for the PBS television series “Virginia Currents.”

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 26, with a reception at 11 a.m. and service at noon, at Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home at 11800 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring. The public is invited to the service and to view and sign the family guestbook at [www.hinesrinaldifuneralhome.com](http://www.hinesrinaldifuneralhome.com).



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of H.K. Lee, Sr., a well-known and popular regular at the Aquatics and Fitness Center. Our sympathy to his friends and extended family in Greenbelt.

**Congratulations to:**  
– Longtime Greenbelt police officer Carl Schinner on his promotion from Lieutenant to Captain on the city’s police force.  
– Greenbelters Sanette Jackson, Billie McCain and Gloria Seho-Ahiable, who were named to the Dean’s List at Salisbury University for the Fall 2010 semester.

Our best wishes to News Review Editor Mary Lou Williamson as she continues her recuperation from knee replacement surgery.

We were happy to hear that Walter Hanley is at home again after recuperation from a stroke and will be looking for him at his usual places in Roosevelt Center when spring weather arrives.

Greenbelter Joan Conway, a

retired nutritionist featured in the December 30 issue of the News Review, is pictured again in the February 13 Washington Post Magazine (page 5) in an informative article showing foods most needed in food pantries serving multicultural communities.

The Noll family (Franklin, Ellen and Alice), in Boxwood Village, raises and trains puppies for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Their seventh puppy, Miller, recently arrived and when he is older may be seen in the Co-op as part of his training. They are also proud of therapy dog Gracie, who is receiving her cape from Fidos for Freedom, which marks completion of her first year serving in local nursing homes.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

## NAMI Local Support Group Meets Monday

The New Carrollton area support group of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will meet on Monday, February 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton. This supportive work group prepares a mailing and does other volunteer tasks while sharing mental health experiences and each other’s challenges and solutions.

For details call Dominique Thomas at 301-385-1699.

## Free Mid-week Bird Walk at Artemesia

The Prince George’s Audubon Society will host a free bird walk on the paved Luther Gold-man Birding Trail at Lake Artemesia in College Park/Berwyn Heights on Thursday, February 17 at 3 p.m. Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. All skill levels are welcome. Binoculars are suggested.



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Elizabeth’s Hospital. He did and was accepted right away. When he said he wasn’t able to move just then, the people there agreed to keep the job open until he did.

At the hospital he began as a GS-1 nursing assistant. He received education and training there and gradually assumed jobs with greater responsibility. In 1960, Jones became the first industrial therapist there, working in the Vocational Rehabilitation in Mental Health section until 1970.

When Jones’ supervisor was transferred to the Children’s Center near Fort Meade in Laurel to create a research program geared to bringing the mentally challenged into the community, Jones agreed to go with her. He was responsible there for determining if those he worked with were able to become a part of and work in the Washington community. The objective of the program was to close down the section and, “We did,” he said.

During this time, Jones also worked nights at the Howard University Psychiatric Ward as recreational therapist for its rehabilitation training program. There he used square dancing as therapy, receiving complaints at first as to, “What kind of music is that?”

After the Children’s Center unit closed, Jones returned to the District to work in the Rehabilitation Services Evaluation Center off North Capital Street, working with alcoholics and persons with physical or mental disabilities. He evaluated them and, when good signs were identified, helped them get back into the community. For six months or more he followed up on his clients and kept in contact with their employers as well. His experience and training enabled him to work with clients and talk to anyone in order to determine what needed to be done.

Jones also credits his wife, Elaine, for his success by helping him to write papers. “I couldn’t convince people that I didn’t have a doctorate degree,” he said.

Except for a stint back at St. Elizabeth’s, Jones worked at the Rehabilitation Services Evaluation Center until his retirement in 1995.

### Family

John Henry met Elaine in 1971. She was a psychiatric nurse living in Greenbelt. “I married her and moved to Greenbelt,” he said. Elaine said that after a year she asked John where he would like to move. “I like it right here in Greenbelt,” he told her.

It was a mixed race marriage. Asked if that had created any problems, he replied, “I don’t recall any incidents over the 40 years.”

People did ask Jones how he would handle any children they had. His reply was, “I will love them and hope the love gets through.” He notes that the family has traveled to Minnesota, Missouri and North Carolina without any problem.

The Joneses had three children – Nicholas, Nathan and Corita. All are now young adults. Nicholas graduated from St. Mary’s College of Maryland and obtained an advance degree in sociology and anthropology from the University of Michigan. He is now the head of the racial statistical branch of the U.S. Census Bureau. His wife, Jennifer, is

an administrative law judge for Maryland. They have two children.

Nathan obtained an AA degree and is now in the U.S. Army as a warrant officer serving in the Judge Advocate General’s office at Ft. Bragg. He and his wife have one son.

Corita also graduated from St. Mary’s and is the Southeastern U. S. Liaison for Rivers, Trails and Conservation assistance for the National Park Service. She and her husband live in Greenbelt with their two-year-old son.

### Active in Greenbelt

“I really enjoy living in Greenbelt,” Jones said. “I like the city a lot. I like to see people happy and smiling. I feel like one of the group.”

Jones quickly got involved in Greenbelt activities. Some related to his children, such as the PTA, Little League and Boys and Girls Club soccer as a coach. He helped young people to take school and other activity trips. He also was an involved parent with the Cub and Boy Scouts and the Brownies and Girl Scouts.

At one time Jones served on the Parent Advisory Board at Eleanor Roosevelt High School under Principal Gerald Boarman. He continues to be a strong supporter of women’s soccer and basketball at Roosevelt and at the University of Maryland.

An avid gardener, Jones maintains a plot on Hamilton Place. Other gardeners call it Henry’s Hollow. Earlier he had a plot and was Garden Captain for the plots across Ridge Road from Boxwood Village. The gardeners are now organizing a garden club, with Jones as acting president.

He is also active with the Golden Age Club, helping the club in many capacities. He now helps run bingo for the club and is involved with the monthly birthday celebration, leading club members in singing “Happy Birthday” in the right key. He and Elaine also call members on their birthdays to sing and wish them a happy birthday.

For the last several years he has served as chair of the nominating committee for election of officers.

As usual, this last Valentine’s Day found Jones delivering Valentines to people throughout the community.

Jones also enjoys participating in the SAGE Program and through it has taken many courses. He has also worked at the Greenbelt Museum and is liaison person to GHI for his court. He volunteers to drive a van for senior trips.

For a while, Jones helped the Co-op Grocery Store recruit new members on the first Wednesday of each month. “I believe I got some people to move to Greenbelt that way,” he says.

Jones has been very active in his church, Hope Lutheran Church in College Park.

When his children got too old to deliver the Greenbelt News Review and Elaine was no longer able to do so, Jones took over the route nine years ago. At age 82, he could now be the oldest person with a carrier route. His route consists of the Lakeside North apartments and he delivers three papers to the Chief of Police.

Elaine Jones noted that her husband is one of those who, when he sees a job that needs to

be done, just quietly goes about doing it.

Professionally Jones belonged to the National Rehabilitation Association and was once president of the Placement Section.

### Watch Yourself

As to Greenbelt, Jones says, “You have to watch yourself. It’s easy to get involved in too much. There are a lot of activities here.” Still he likes the fact that the city has within it individuals that, when they see something that needs to be done, organize to carry it out. The city government and people work pretty well together here, he contends.

Jones believes that the civil rights movement gave him the opportunity to grow in his work. “There are now a lot of opportunities for you if you put forth a lot of effort and work hard,” he said. “I don’t deal with color so much. I like to deal with people who care and make things happen.”

No matter whether a friend or a stranger, Jones greets everyone with a cheery hello. “I say hello to keep people moving,” he said. “Usually they greet me back. That’s my outreach to the community. I like to make people feel happy and smile.”

And it’s true. It is nearly impossible to meet and greet John Henry Jones without a smile on your face.

## US Quad Rugby Paralympics

See the best in Paralympics rugby compete at the United States Quad Rugby Association’s North Atlantic regionals on Saturday, February 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, February 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Largo-Kettering-Perrywood Community Center, 431 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro.

The five teams playing in Upper Marlboro are the DC Capitol Punishers, Virginia Beach East Coast Crippleers, Philadelphia Magee Eagles A team and B team and the New York Warriors. These teams will compete for four slots to go to sectionals being hosted by the Virginia Beach East Coast Crippleers on March 11 through 13. The top two teams then go on to the nationals competition.

There is no charge to attend this two-day tournament in Upper Marlboro and reservations are not needed. For more information call 301-446-3412; TTY 301-446-3402 or email mary.bowie@pgparks.com or amy.e.davis@medstar.net.

## Applications Due Tue. For Spellman Award

The \$2,000 Gladys Noon Spellman Scholarship Award will be presented at Prince George’s County’s Women’s History Month luncheon to be held at Martin’s Crosswinds on March 17.

The scholarship is awarded to a county resident who is in the 12th grade, accepting or pending acceptance to college and planning to major in government, criminal justice, political science, public administration, fire science or a health-related field. The recipient must demonstrate financial need, have outside interests and activities including community service, must be in good academic standing and must be able to attend the luncheon March 17.

Applications are due by next Tuesday, February 22. More information and a link to the application form are available at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/Executive-Branch/gns-award.asp?nivel=subfoldmenu%25280,0%2529> or by contacting Ja’Net Lyons in the County Executive’s Office at 301-952-5851 or by email at [jl Lyons@co.pg.md.us](mailto:jl Lyons@co.pg.md.us).

## Flutist and Pianist At Nat’l Gallery

On Wednesday, February 23 at 12:10 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will present a free concert in the East Building Auditorium. Featured will be pianist Lisa Emenheiser and flutist Sara Stern.

## Griesbach Explores Agricultural Center

At the Explorations Unlimited program on Friday, February 25 the speaker will be Robert Griesbach, who will talk about Greenbelt neighbor Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), formally known as the Henry A. Wallace Agricultural Research Center.

BARC has played an important role in advancing agricultural science and improving people’s lives worldwide since the US Department of Agriculture began in 1839. Early studies by the USDA focused on trial of crops for domestic production and providing information to farmers to increase productivity.

Griesbach, currently deputy assistant administrator for technology transfer at BARC, earned a Ph.D. in genetics from Michigan State University in 1980 and joined USDA’s Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) the following year, where he conducted broad based research in plant genetics. He has written over 125 scientific papers and popular publications and presented over 500 scientific seminars and popular talks. Among his honors are being named a Fellow in American Society for Horticultural Science in 2006 and receiving the H. Marc Cathey Award for research from the American Horticulture Society in 2010.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center., Room 114. Everyone is welcome. For details call 301-397-2208.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee annual membership meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23 at the Community Center. Elections will take place and the budget for the coming year will be approved at the meeting. All are invited.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robbery

February 7, 12:59 a.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with attempted robbery, assault, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after attempting to rob a person. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Attempted Burglary

February 4, 4:08 p.m., 8100 block Mandan Terrace, no entry was gained.

### Vehicle Crimes

A white Nissan Maxima with Maryland tags was reported stolen from the 36 Court Crescent Road.

A white 2006 Ford Econoline van, reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police, was recovered in the 6100 block

Cherrywood Lane with no arrests made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block Edmonston Road (front Md. tag); Beltway Plaza (two incidents -- purse and tools, medication); 200 block Lakeside Drive (front Md. tag); 6200 block Springhill Drive (jewelry, clothing); 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (currency); 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (stereo, GPS); 6200 block Springhill Court (GPS, stereo); and 6100 block Breezewood Court (GPS).

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at 6000 block Springhill Drive (damaged exhaust pipe) and 9100 block Edmonston Court (sugar put in gas tank). Windows were broken at 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 6200 block Springhill Court 34and 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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# Local Science Fair Winners Advance

by Jon Gardner

In his State of the Union address President Obama said, "We need to teach our kids that it's not just the winner of the Super Bowl who deserves to be celebrated but the winner of the science fair." The Green Bay Packers won the Super Bowl; Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) and Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) students have won their science fairs and will go on to compete at the county level.

At Greenbelt Middle School, the 6th grade science fair winners were Lorenda Boccovi, first place; Aminata Diallo, second place; and Jazmin Torres, third place. Nkamanyi Bembuh and Zainab Gafari received honorable mentions.

The 7th grade winners were David Gardner, first place; Jan Knutson, second place; James Arnold and Melissa Vasquez tied for third place. Cueron Stewart and Rosie Harrington received honorable mention.

The 8th grade winners were Touloupe Omoke, first place; Taiha Greenfield, second place; and Starr Caldwell, third place.

Those receiving first or second place at GMS will advance to

the Prince George's County competition on March 26.

Representing Greenbelt Elementary School at the county competition will be Masius Anthony, 4th grade, Evan Candey, 5th grade; and Mira Willson, 6th grade. In addition, several GES students received excellence awards.

Fourth graders receiving excellence awards were Masius Anthony, Brooke Goggins, Nyah Clay, Ana Fernandez-Napp, Rasul Turner, Jessica Nguyen, John Bertiz, John Carlo Caculitan, Alejandro Rico, Shawn Walker, Kierra Mayo, Christopher Bailey and Asa Dawson.

Fifth graders receiving excellence awards were Alexander Edwards, Daniel Bernier, Muna Hassen, Elizabeth Gardner, Sofia Dabelko, Mia Joseph, Justin Mooney, Hyung Joon Jang and Mennato Allah Nasser.

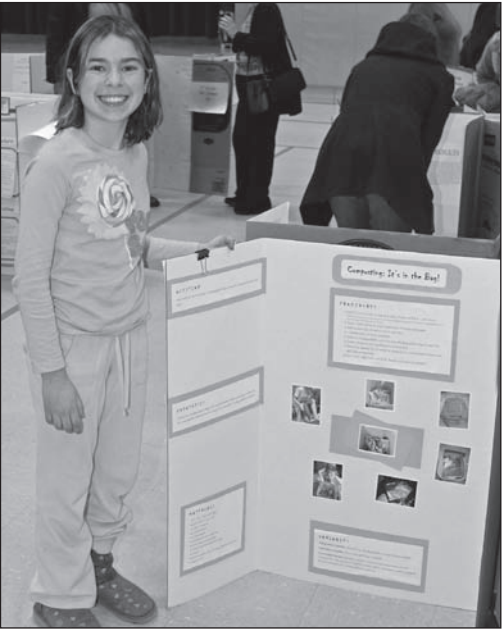


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Mira Willson displays her winning project, "Composting: It's in the Bag!" at the Greenbelt Elementary School science fair.

Sixth grade excellence awards went to Amari Welch, Paige Gibson, Autumn Holmes, Seok Jin Bae, Shahara Rahman, Jonathan Bertiz, Michael Bugg, Octavia Wilson, Nilam Patel, Gabriel Almiraz and Jeremy Daniel.

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The February 4 memorandum contained specific recommendations on adjusting property license fees for consideration by council. Craze concluded that an increase of \$10 for apartment rental license fees to \$110 was justified. She also recommended a two-step adjustment in fees for commercial properties where the first step would include an increase in step increments from \$25 to \$60 as the size of the licensed premise increases.

The second step would increase the base fee to \$285. Craze believes the two-step approach would have the effect of shifting the fees increase to the larger, more valuable spaces and buildings, which require the most time to inspect.

Although cost versus fee levels for inspecting owner rentals indicate that inspection costs are more than covered by the current fee, Craze did not think the cost for those inspections reflects the actual cost due to how those units are widely distributed around the city. For that reason, she believes the current licensing fee of \$150 for those units is fair and should not be adjusted.

City staff project that estimated revenue increases associated with the recommended changes would be as follows: 1. Increasing the apartment license fee to \$110 would result in a revenue increase of \$45,500. 2. Changing the step increases for commercial licenses from \$25 to \$60 would result in a revenue increase of \$41,235. 3. Changing the base commercial license fee to \$285 would result in a revenue increase of \$83,680.

**Council Reactions**

The tone of council’s reaction was captured in comments by Mayor Judith Davis, who noted that, “. . . we should be covering our costs for these programs; we are not a charity.”

Councilmember Rodney Roberts wondered how we were charging \$25 (commercial license) for something that had an actual cost of \$57 to accomplish. Craze responded that an analysis had not been performed until last year.

Councilmember Edward Putens wanted to make sure that any late fees should cover the actual administrative expense.

Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan hoped that implementation of new software would give Greenbelt inspectors a more efficient tracking system and possibly improve the data on which a fee system is based. He also would be interested, he said, in tracking the extent of vacancies, especially in the commercial office category.

His line of inquiry led then to a discussion of how the city gets notices of vacancies for apartments and other rentals. Since the city does not do “occupancy” permits, council learned, such information is not readily available.

Staff noted the situation at the Franklin Park complex where currently approximately 300 units cannot be reoccupied until they are re-inspected by city code enforcement officers. Jordan was more interested in something like a business licensing fee that would give the city an idea of the level of vacancies occurring in the commercial/retail sector.

Although Putens and Councilmember Silke Pope continued their interest in a “rebate/reward” type of system for large apartment rental complexes, staff were not sure if such a system would be worth the effort and could be

done fairly and efficiently. Staff expressed a preference to consider other options, such as fees for repeated follow-up inspections and administrative charges for late payments and delinquencies.

Staff also indicated they are discussing with the city finance department a procedure allowing property liens to be placed on operators who do not pay their fees.

At the end of the worksession it was agreed that community development staff would continue to refine recommendations for assuring that inspection costs are being recovered through fees or other means. The recommendations will include a proposed increase for the rental apartment license fee, the proposed two-step increases for commercial licenses, a staff proposal for recovering costs of second or third re-inspections and how to deal with late or delinquent fee payments.

The recommendations will be considered further in conjunction with council review of the proposed FY12 budget.

Instead Dr. Grasmick and other dignitaries with her were visiting classes within the school. She later described as “fabulous” the teachers she had observed.

When she and her guests returned, several high-achieving students joined the group to hear a speech over the Internet by College Board President Gaston Caperton as he described the achievements of American students, especially in mathematics and sciences courses. (The video portion of the speech apparently could not be accessed within the school for reasons not clear to this reporter.)

In a press release later, Grasmick described how she had visited schools involved in AP “last week, including Eleanor Roosevelt High School,” where she had met students who had taken three, four, five and more AP classes. “They were impressive young men and women,” she wrote. “These were students who did not shy away from challenging subject matter, such as

calculus and physics. Rather they raised the bar that AP set for them.”

**AP Chart**

In “The AP Report to the Nation,” the publication shows a chart detailing the percent of the class of 2010 throughout the United States who had completed high school with at least one AP experience. Maryland, with 26.4 percent, leads the list. New York is second with 24.6 per cent. The percentage average for the entire United States is 16.9.

At the meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Principal Reginald McNeil welcomed the distinguished visitors. Also representing the Prince George’s County School System was Bonita Coleman-Potter, deputy superintendent. Roni Jolley, College Board/Maryland State Department of Education Liaison, was also present, as were four members of the College Board, including Peter Negroni, senior vice president.

**M-NCPPC to Offer Parenting Program**

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Youth Services Office will hold a free parenting workshop on Thursday, February 24 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Prince George’s Ballroom, 2411 Pinebrook Avenue in Landover. Titled “Help Your Child Thrive: Asset Training for Parents,” it will help parents identify how to help develop emotionally intelligent, self-reliant children with increased self-confidence, greater physical health, better school performance and healthier social relationships.

Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish will be available and child care will be provided for toilet-trained children over 3. There will be light refreshments. Limited transportation is offered from Langley Park, College Park and Temple Hills for those who reserve bus space in advance.

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# NASA Players Offer Stoppard Comedy

by Irene Tzinis

Goddard Space Flight Center’s Music and Drama Club (MAD) will present a winter dinner theater, the comedy “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead” by Tom Stoppard from February 25 through March 12.

“Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead” is the tale of Hamlet as told through the eyes of the play’s minor characters, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. They are unaware of the larger drama unfolding around them and debate about deep philosophical truths.

“Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead,” a revision of Stoppard’s 1964 one-act play, was first performed in 1966 at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The play received great reviews and premiered the following year in London and New York City. The play won four Tony Awards that year, including Best Play of the Year. It was adapted into a movie in 1990 with actors Gary

Oldman, Tim Roth and Richard Dreyfuss.

The following Greenbelters are cast and crew members: Laura Anne Fisher (Fliers and Programs), Mary Lou Fisher (Assistant Director and Audio Describer) and Ginny Zanner (Attendant and Ambassador, costume procurement and informal Shakespearean diction coach). Stephen P. Yednock (The Player), while not a resident, is on the Greenbelt Arts Center Board of Directors.

The show runs for three weeks ends between February 25 and March 12 with evening shows on Friday and Saturday and a matinee on Sunday. The play is not intended for younger audiences due to its mature content.

For information and tickets sales visit: [www.madtheater.org](http://www.madtheater.org).

*Irene Tzinis, a NASA contractor, is the Publicity Coordinator for MAD and is cast as a tragedian for the play.*

## City Notes

Facilities/Building Maintenance staff met with a lighting sales representative regarding LED light options for parking lot lights at various city facilities.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability staff collected 24.96 tons of refuse and 14.23 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials. Staff also produced graphs illustrating greenhouse emissions and energy usage for city buildings and recycling tonnage figures in order to track the recycling percentage.

Recreation Department Director Julie McHale was asked to serve on the Health and Wellness Task Force for the Sustainable Maryland Committee. Although she could not be present, she participated in a conference call with other public health officials throughout Maryland at the first meeting.

Therapeutic Recreation staff reports the spring SAGE classes have begun, with so many people enrolled in yoga classes that a third class is forming to make the class size smaller.

### Hear Talk on Land Of Fire and Ice

Hear about Iceland, the Land of Fire and Ice, at a park naturalist lecture on Friday, March 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro.

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# GHI Board Is Developing A Policy on Hoarding

by Sue Krofchik

Is it real or is it Memorex? Is it hoarding or is it just messy housekeeping? On February 10 the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors plowed through a draft policy on hoarding, discarding some text in their quest to clean up the revised draft.

Other items on the agenda were disposed of more easily and quickly: renovation of the 7 Court Southway playground, yard line certification and the purchase of a new server for its computer network.

Hoarding situations have been found in GHI homes and are becoming more frequent. GHI does not actively look for hoarding and is not now planning to do so. However, a plan is needed outlining how to respond when possible hoarding is identified.

A policy, with four major sections, is being developed. They are: Overview, Discovery of Hoarding Situations, Guidelines for Determining the Condition of the Homes and Condition Levels and Action Steps.

This policy will function as a guide for how to respond appropriately when dangerous or unhealthy conditions are present, to aid in minimizing the impact of hoarding on neighbors and other members and to provide guidance to staff on identifying and dealing with hoarding situations.

The issues are safety and health. GHI bylaws and member ownership contracts require that members maintain safe and healthy home environments. Hoarding creates unsafe and unhealthy conditions, which violate provisions in governing documents. Following the current GHI complaint process is not feasible when safety and health are in jeopardy. The board believes a policy on hoarding is needed.

At the meeting a revised draft policy that incorporated changes recommended at the last review was discussed. More changes were made, which will be reviewed again by the board. Once board members are satisfied with the draft policy, it will be presented to the membership for comment and ultimately included in the Member Handbook.

### Inspection

The draft includes guidelines for inspecting a home when a possible hoarding situation is reported. This alert could come from city code enforcement staff; emergency responders, such as emergency medical technicians, firefighters or police; animal control staff; GHI maintenance employees; or neighbors who might complain about odors, pests or other conditions.

When notified about a potential hoarding situation, the draft calls for an inspection to look for immediate health and safety violations such as blocked access ways, fire hazards (things piled against heaters), biohazards (rotting food, animal or human bodily wastes, etc.) and compro-

mised or failing infrastructure (floors, walls, electrical or plumbing services).

After inspection the home will be graded according to level of danger, from Level I, the highest danger, to Level III, no immediate existing dangers.

A series of nine photographs will most likely accompany the policy. These are professionally-made pictures of the same room staged to show almost no clutter to progressively worse examples of hoarding.

### Playground Renovations

The board approved for first reading a motion to authorize spending \$13,000 to renovate the GHI-owned playground at 7 Court Southway. The total cost for the playground is estimated at \$41,969.35, according to a quote submitted to the city from West Recreation, Inc. The playground is expected to be completed by June this year.

Years ago the city and GHI entered into an agreement to share playground expenses, with GHI paying 25 percent of total cost of renovation.

The city pays the balance and bears the cost of future maintenance. The city will incur some labor costs for site preparation and installation. The \$13,000 authorized by the board includes a \$2,000 reimbursement to the city for labor expenses.

Representing the city at this meeting was Assistant City Manager David Moran, who responded to a question about using less expensive equipment to save money. "Playground equipment must be consistent with what is done throughout the city, he explained. "It is also heavily regulated by Federal and Consumer Product Safety regulations."

Board member David Morse pointed out that "this playground is uniquely situated and connected to five other courts by inner walkways." It is also adjacent to McDonald Baseball Field, home of Greenbelt Little League, and is used by visitors who attend events there.

Two additional GHI playgrounds are awaiting renovation. One is between 12 and 14 Hillside Road; the other is at 8 Court Southway.

### Miscellaneous

Certification of yard line boundaries is continuing. Yard plats for 2 and 4 Courts Plateau Place and 9 Court Southway were approved. It was reported that a member on Plateau Place disagreed with placement of a side yard line. Her fence on the side is not on the yard line and it encroaches into the yard of a neighbor. It was decided that the fence will remain there until the unit is sold, when it will be moved into the proper yard.

The purchase of a new Windows 2008 version server was approved for first reading in the amount of \$23,796.18. The current server, a 2003 version, is nearing the end of useful life.

## National Gallery Free Concert

The National Gallery of Art offers a free public concert by the Inscape Music Project on Sunday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Garden Court. Featured will be music by Messiaen.

## NAMI Offers Free Course

The National Alliance on Mental Illness will offer a 12-week family-to-family education course starting on Tuesday, March 1. This class will meet on Monday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for 12 consecutive weeks. The class is for family members and caregivers of individuals with a mental illness, including bipolar disorder, major depression, panic disorder, schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, borderline personality disorder and co-occurring brain disorder with addictive disorder.

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Capt. Schinner will remain in his current position as the Patrol Division Commander, overseeing the day-to-day operations of both the uniformed patrol officers and the department's Communications Unit.

Schinner has been with the Greenbelt Police Department since 1987, serving previously as a patrol officer, patrol supervisor and collision reconstructionist. Prior to his current assignment he ran the Office of Professional Standards, where he was responsible for the department obtaining accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. He also was named Greenbelt's Officer



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